



**Barnstable County Human Rights Advisory Commission  
The Malcolm McDowell Award Application**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED TO JUNE 30, 2022, APPLICATION AND  
SUPPORT MATERIALS CAN BE SENT ELECTONICALLY TO:**

**[allison.carter@barnstablecounty.org](mailto:allison.carter@barnstablecounty.org)**

**APPLICATION DETAILS**

The Malcolm McDowell award is named in honor of the late Malcolm McDowell, noted human rights activist and former member of the Barnstable County Human Rights Commissioner. This year, the Award has been made possible through a grant from a generous donor.

High School seniors, participants from the Riverview school, and High School Juniors who have been members of their schools Human Rights Academy team for at least two years are eligible for this award.

Successful candidates will be able to demonstrate initiative, leadership, and dedication to improving the human rights atmosphere of Barnstable County and the wider world.

A complete application file needs to include

- a personal letter from the candidate,
- an application form and
- a letter of recommendation from the candidate's Human Rights Academy Advisor.

The personal letter should tell us, **in no more than 500 words**, about the candidate's experience with the Human Rights Academy, his/her role in the school's HRA projects, and why improving human rights matters to the student. We also want to know how the student plans to continue working on human rights issues in the future, whether at college, in the workforce, or in the military. Instructions appear on the next page.

We are looking not necessarily for the person with the best grades, but for the person with the greatest passion, courage, and dedication to making the world a more just and peaceable place.

*Submit your completed application package to:*

The Malcolm McDowell Award

c/o Barnstable County Human Rights Advisory Commission

P. O. Box 247

Barnstable, Massachusetts 02630

Or via e-mail to: [allison.carter@barnstablecounty.org](mailto:allison.carter@barnstablecounty.org)

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***\*\* The deadline for applications extended to June 30, 2022 \*\****

Applicant's full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

HRA Advisor (name and email): \_\_\_\_\_

How many years have you been part of your school's Human Rights Academy team? \_\_\_\_\_

Please write a letter to the McDowell Award Selection Committee. In that letter, explain what got you interested in the Human Rights Academy (HRA) in the first place. Please list the projects you have worked on during your years on the HRA team. Describe your role in these projects. Were you a leader, or support person? What specific tasks did you take on? Were you the idea person? Of these projects, which was your favorite one and why? What did you learn from it?

As you leave your school, what are your plans for the immediate future? Work, college, a gap year, military service? What are your current goals for a career? Why? And how will you carry forward in your life your interest in human rights?

This letter should be **no more than 500 words in length**. It should be typed and signed by you and your HRA advisor.

The Barnstable County Human Rights Advisory Commission will contact advisors directly for a reference. Please provide your human rights advisors contact information below.

Advisor's name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_